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## GENERAL DIAZ SURPRISES AUSTRIANS

### ITALIAN FORCES CAPTURE 800 PRISONERS SUNDAY

SUPPORTED BY ALLIED TROOPS THE COMMAND OF GENERAL DIAZ AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE TAKE MONTE DI VAL BELLA FROM AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN DEFENDERS.

### COUNTER ATTACKS OF ENEMY ARE REULSED

Official Statement from Rome Praises the Heroic Assistance Given the Italians by the British and French in Fighting on Asiago Plateau

ROME, June 26.—Italian forces supported by allied troops took Monte Di Val Bella from Austro-Hungarian positions on the mountain front yesterday afternoon. Monte Di Val Bella is the key point in the Italian war zone, and more than 800 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoners.

Strong counter attacks throughout the day and night were repulsed by the Italian troops, who held their ground under fire of machine guns.

The text of the official statement reads:

"On the Asiago plateau where our heroic resistance on June 14 created the impetus of preponderance enemy forces and where in daily acts of brave Italy's troops have been fighting a struggle, the Italian war zone announces that more than 800 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoners."

At dawn our troops sustained an intense artillery fire and unsupported by arties resolutely carried out by their allies attacked Monte Di Val Bella and succeeded in driving it from the enemy. Large enemy houses were burned to counter attack but were repelled by concentrations of artillery and machine gun fire from surprise.

Twenty one enemy officers and 800 soldiers of other ranks belonging to combat units were captured and became prisoners.

"Between the Fossacesia valley and the town we took a well fortified position, capturing two tanks and 31 men."

AMSTERDAM, June 26.—The announcement that an American was being dispatched to the Asiago front will come as an unpleasant surprise to Field Marshal Arz von Straussegg, who has the command of staff, who yesterday told the press of Vienna that he did not believe Americans with their "dangerous habits" and their lack of experience in the hardships of war would make up for the entente allied loss of Russian soldiers.

The Vienna Version.

VIENNA, Via LONDON, June 26.—While admitting that the Italians in hand to hand fighting penetrated the Austrian first line on Monte Di Val Bella, the Austrian war office in its official communication today declared that the Italians were driven back shortly afterward by counter attacks.

The statement says:

"Our positions on the ridge of the Seven Comunes [Sette Comuni] were subjected yesterday from three o'clock in the morning to the heaviest artillery fire. This was followed a few hours later by strong attacks against

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### FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE LINE ON THE MARNE

CREST OF THE RIDGE BETWEEN MOSLOY AND PASSYEN VALOIS IS TAKEN IN BRILLIANT CASH THAT COVERS A FRONT OF NEARLY TWO MILES.

PARIS, June 26.—French troops late last night attacked the German lines northwest of Chateau Thierry on the Marne front and captured the crest of the ridge between Mosloy and Passy-en-Valois. The war office statement announces that the French advanced their lines for a distance of eight hundred yards on a front of nearly two miles. Prisoners to the number of 265 were taken.

The statement reads:

"The French executed a number of raids last night mostly west of that road and south of Autreville and took prisoners."

"South of the Ourcq French troops captured last night at 10 o'clock the crest between Mosloy and Passy-en-Valois. Our troops resisted an advance of 800 yards on a front of 1,500 meters. The result was 265 prisoners, including three officers."

In the Vosges the French repulsed a German raiding detachment.

Airplane: On June 25-26 our chancing planes brought down 25 enemy machines and destroyed two captive balloons. Nineteen other enemy air planes were damaged.

In the same period captured on the ground and in the sky in the various sectors of the same period carried off 125 and night expeditions in which forty seven tons of projectiles were dropped with success upon aviation means at the Somme sector, on bivouacs in the region of Roostes and Bray, in the valley of the Aisne and on Chateau Thierry.

In addition five tons of explosives were dropped June 25 on German troops in the region of Chateau Thierry.

Lieutenant Ponck brought down three German airplanes June 25 and two others June 27, bringing his total to forty-nine."

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### ASTRIAN AIR BOMBS SMASH VENETIAN BUILDINGS



Venice is being sadly mutilated by the Austrian raiders, who are dropping their bombs over the picturesque city. This is a view of the Carbon, along which many old and beautiful buildings were demolished.

## ITALIANS MAKE SUDDEN TURN FROM DEFENSIVE TO OFFENSIVE

### Attacking the Austro-Hungarian Troops On the Asiago Plateau Italians Wrest Important Points From the Enemy

#### TWENTY SURVIVORS OF TRANSPORT DEDNISK LAND.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Another transport vessel, the British cargo ship Dednisk, torpedoed and sunk 70 miles east of the Delaware river last June 18, was reported today to the navy department. Among them was Lieutenant Ross E. Shattuck, U. S. N. R., and twenty-four other members of the crew, 148 still missing.

The twenty men were picked up at sea by a naval vessel on June 23 after they had been for ten days in an open boat in which they left the Dednisk. Lieutenant Shattuck was on the transport ship, which was en route to the United States government and was bound for America. There were no survivors aboard.

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